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SUBJ: MBFR: OPTION III: TEXT OF DRAFT POSITION PAPER

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1. THIS MESSAGE TRANSMITS THE CURRENT TEXT OF PARAS 1 TO 3 OF THE DRAFT POSITION PAPER. SQUARE BRACKETS ARE REPRESENTED BY PARENTHESES. THE REMAINDER OF THE DRAFT POSITION PAPER IS AS CONTAINED IN REFTEL, WITH THE FOLLOWING PREVIOUSLY REPORTED MODIFICATIONS. IN PARA 15, THE OUTER BRACKETS ARE REMOVED, AND BRACKETS ARE PLACED AROUND THE PHRASE "AIR AND" IN THE FIRST AND SECOND SENTENCES. PARA 16 HAS BEEN FILLED IN, AND SPC DISCUSSION HAS BEEN REPORTED SEPTEL. THERE IS ALSO THE BRACKETED, BELGIAN PARA 21 SEEKING TO POSTPONE AN ALLIED DECISION ON INCLUSION OF AIR MANPOWER IN THE COMMON CEILING. WE BELIEVE IT IS ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE BELGIUM WITHDRAWS PARA 21.

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2. IN THE TEXT BELOW, PARA 3 CONTAINS SPECIFIC BELIGAN LANGUAGE ON THE COMMON CEILING ISSUE, WHICH BELGIAN REP HAS GIVEN TO THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF. BELGIUM WISHES, IN THE PENULTIMATE SENTENCE, TO DELETE THE BRACKETED

PHRASE "AND AFTER THE COUNCIL, ETC." AND TO DELETE THE BRACKETED WORD "PRECISE". THE PERIOD AT THE END OF THE SENTENCE WOULD BECOME A SEMI-COLON, AND WOULD BE FOLLOWED BY THE PHRASE "THE PRECISE CHARACTER OF THIS NUMERICAL LEAVE WILL BE SUBJECT TO LATER COUNCIL GUIDANCE".

3. BEGIN TEXT

CORRIGENDUM 2 TO SPC(OT)M/2 (4TH REVISE)

ADDITIONAL ASPECTS OF ALLIED POSITION ON WITHDRAWAL OF US NUCLEAR ELEMENTS IN MBFR

I. CONTENT

1. THESE UNDERSTANDINGS SUPPLEMENT THE COUNCIL'S GUIDANCE TO THE AD HOC GROUP AUTHORISING THE ALLIED NEGOTIATORS TO PROPOSE REDUCTION OF US NUCLEAR ELEMENTS IN EXCHANGE FOR EASTERN AGREEMENT TO ALLIED PHASE I OBJECTIVES. THEY RECORD INTERNAL ALLIED AGREEMENTS AS TO ADDITIONAL ASPECTS OF THE ALLIED POSITION ON THE WITHDRAWAL OF US NUCLEAR ELEMENTS IN MBFR. THE VIEWS CONTAINED IN THE GUIDANCE TO THE AD HOC GROUP ARE PART OF THIS ALLIED POSITION. IN REACHING THESE UNDERSTANDINGS, THE ALLIES HAVE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT VIEWS OF THE NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES EXPRESSED IN CMCM 96-75.

2. MATERIAL IN THIS PAPER IS FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE AD HOC GROUP ONLY, AND IS NOT FOR USE WITH THE EAST WITHOUT EXPLICIT COUNCIL AUTHORISATION.

II. OBJECTIVES (REF: PARAGRAPH 1 OF SPC(OT)N/4(7TH REVISE))

(3. BOTH SIDES SHOULD UNDERTAKE A COMMITMENT TO THE ESTABLISHMENT AS THE GOAL OF THE NEGOTIATIONS OF APPROXIMATE PARITY IN GROUND FORCES IN THE FORM OF A COMMON COLLECTIVE CEILING, APPROPRIATELY DEFINED IN PHASE I, ON OVERALL GROUND FORCE MANPOWER ON EACH SIDE IN THE AREA OF REDUCTIONS, TO BE COMPLETED
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IN PHASE II. THE ALLIES INDICATED THAT THIS COMMON COLLECTIVE CEILING MIGHT BE SET AT APPROXIMATELY 700,000 SOLDIERS ON EACH SIDE. NOW THE ALLIES ARE OFFERING TO ADD TO THIS FIGURE THAT OF AIR MANPOWER IN THE AREA OF REDUCTIONS IN SUCH A WAY THAT IT WOULD RESULT IN A COMBINED COLLECTIVE COMMON CEILING APPROPRIATELY DEFINED IN PHASE I, WHICH MIGHT BE SET AT APPROXIMATELY 900,000 MEN ON EITHER SIDE, AND WITHIN WHICH THE COLLECTIVE COMMON CEILING ON GROUND FORCE MANPOWER WOULD BE MAINTAINED(1).

THE TERM "APPROPRIATELY DEFINED IN PHASE I" MEANS THE FOLLOWING: THE ALLIES SHOULD INSIST THAT A PHASE I AGREEMENT SHOULD CONTAIN A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING AS TO THE LEVELS OF US AND SOVIET GROUND FORCE PERSONNEL AND OF US AND SOVIET GROUND PLUS AIR FORCE PERSONNEL

IN THE AREA OF REDUCTIONS. THEY SHOULD SEEK A COMMON UNDERSTANDING WITH THE EAST ON THE AGGREGATE LEVELS OF GROUND FORCE PERSONNEL AND OF GROUND PLUS AIR FORCE PERSONNEL OF BOTH SIDES IN THE AREA OF REDUCTIONS FOLLOWING THE PHASE I REDUCTIONS. IN THE COURSE OF PHASE I NEGOTIATIONS, (AND AFTER THE COUNCIL HAS PROVIDED GUIDANCE ON THE PRECISE FIGURE TO BE SOUGHT,) THE ALLIES SHOULD IN ADDITION SEEK A COMMON UNDERSTANDING WITH THE EAST AS TO

FOOTNOTE:

(1) THE ALLIES HAVE ALREADY MADE CLEAR TO THE EAST, UNDER SEPARATE COUNCIL GUIDANCE, THAT ALLIED ESTIMATES SHOW THE AGGREGATE

AIR MANPOWER TOTALS OF THE TWO SIDES TO BE VERY CLOSE, THOUGH WITH A SLIGHT WARSAW PACT SUPERIORITY. THE RELEVANT GUIDANCE, CONTAINED IN ANNEX C TO C-M(74)63(FINAL) OF 14TH OCTOBER, 1974, REMAINS IN FORCE.

THE (PRECISE) NUMERICAL LEVEL OF THE COMMON COLLECTIVE CEILINGS TO BE REACHED FOLLOWING THE PHASE II REDUCTIONS (; THE PRECISE CHARACTER OF THIS NUMERICAL LEVEL WILL BE SUBJECT TO LATER COUNCIL GUIDANCE). (THE PHASE I AGREEMENT WITH THE EAST WILL INCLUDE AGREEMENT ON THE COLLECTIVE CHARACTER OF THE COMMON CEILING. THE ALLIES AGREE THAT THIS OBJECTIVE IMPLIES THE REJECTION OF ANY WESTERN INDIVIDUAL COMMITMENTS FOR NON-US
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ALLIED REDUCTIONS(2).)

FOOTNOTE:

((2) REFERENCE IS MADE TO PARAGRAPH 34 OF C-M(73)83(FINAL), THE LAST SENTENCE OF WHICH READS: "THE ALLIANCE WOULD WISH TO BE FREE TO DECIDE FOR ITSELF HOW THE WEIGHT OF THE REDUCTION REQUIRED FOR THE SECOND PHASE SHOULD BE DISTRIBUTED AMONG THE NATIONAL FORCES INVOLVED." THE ALLIES AGREE THAT, CONSEQUENTLY, INDIVIDUAL QUOTAS WILL NOT BE PART OF THE NEGOTIATION OF ANY AGREEMENT WITH THE EAST. SHOULD THE EAST RAISE THIS POINT, THE ALLIED NEGOTIATORS ARE AUTHORISED TO ANSWER IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS POSITION.)
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